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 TOPIC Polish Troops and Military Installations in Stuhm  
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1. Prior to February 1952, a Polish tank unit and a motorcycle unit were quartered in the former Nationalpolitische Erziehungsanstalt east of the railroad station in Stuhm (Q 54/D 77). Source observed 12 to 15 T-34/76 tanks and once saw 30 to 40 ZIS R-71 motorcycles of 500 ccm piston displacement leaving the installation. The units were also equipped with ZIS 151 4-ton trucks and GAZ type cross-country motor vehicles with four-wheel drive. Driving exercises were often performed with motorcycles and cross-country motor vehicles in the area north of the installation, where tanks were also seen training from time to time.<sup>1</sup>

2. Source observed the tank unit in the former Nationalpolitische Erziehungsanstalt prior to early May 1952. He knew that in the fall of 1951, this unit had been transferred to Stuhm by rail. Residents of the town called the unit a tank battalion. Source, who believed that the barracks installation was occupied by 500 to 600 men, observed about 25 T-34/76 tanks, an unidentified number of armored reconnaissance vehicles, motorcycles, trucks and sedans. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Most of the soldiers quartered in the former school wore blue-grey uniforms and service caps with black band. Other soldiers had khaki uniforms.<sup>1</sup>

3. During the first six months of 1951, 40 to 50 trucks and sedans were monthly repaired or overhauled in the motor vehicle repair shop which was attached to the prison and was under the direction of a civilian manager. The vehicles repaired in this shop included a large number of KBW vehicles which arrived by road or by rail and some even from Warsaw and Krakow (Q 51/Z 24). In May 1952, the shop was still operating.<sup>2</sup>

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4. Source observed that the drivers of the trucks which were repaired in the motor vehicle repair shop included KBW soldiers from Warsaw, Krakow and Breslau (P 52/C 41), as well as soldiers wearing army uniforms. [redacted] an average of about 70 vehicles were repaired per month in early 1952. The shop was adjacent to the north and northeast sides of the prison which was located on the northeastern edge of the town between the roads toward Brauns-walde (Q 54/D 68) and Deutsch-Damerau (Q 54/D 78).<sup>2</sup>

5. Prior to March 1952, a KBW guard unit of company strength was quartered in the former officials' house of the prison administration at the approach road to the prison. This unit which, according to statements of soldiers, was subordinate to a Danzig (Q 55/Y 42) KBW battalion was frequently relieved. In March 1952, the KBW soldiers, who almost exclusively belonged to the 1930 class, had already served for 2 years. The soldiers stated that they had still to serve 3 months and that recruits of the 1931 class had been drafted into their battalion in the fall of 1951 and in March 1952.<sup>3</sup>

6. Prior to May 1952, another source saw seven tanks covered with tarpaulins in the military installation east of the railroad station. He believed that they were T-34 tanks of an old type. He also observed about 20 motorcycles as well as trucks and sedans near the installation. He had learned [redacted] that the headquarters to which the Stuhm unit was subordinate was stationed in Danzig-Langfuhr.<sup>1</sup>

7. Source stated that tank sheds were built in the military installation east of the railroad station by prisoners of the Stuhm prison. He believed that tanks for one battalion were in this installation in May 1952. Three concrete shelters, in which ammunition was believed to be stored, were built into a rather steep slope which had almost the form of a ridge and was located between the east and the west section of the installation. Most of the young tank soldiers serving in Stuhm on active duty wore grey-blue cloth uniforms with long trousers, leggings and laced shoes.

8. Prior to May 1952, about 700 prisoners of the Stuhm prison worked in the motor vehicle repair shop which was located in the north section of the prison and was called a base shop. Up to 200 vehicles of the different types in need of repair, including American built trucks and jeeps as well as Soviet and German made motor vehicles of all types were sometimes waiting for repair. Repaired vehicles were picked up by civilians or Polish soldiers. The shop was equipped with machine tools for making spare parts.

9. No Soviet troops or offices were stationed in Stuhm prior to May 1952.

1. [redacted] Comment. The Polish tank unit is confirmed prior to May 1952. [redacted] it is believed that this unit is an element of the 16th mech Div carried in Danzig.

2. [redacted] Comment. The 1952 telephone directory for Stuhm contains a number for Warsztaty Samochodowe No 2 (Motor Vehicle Shop No 2) which most probably is the shop reported.

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3.  Comment. The information confirms the assumption that the majority of the 1931 class had been inducted in the fall of 1951, while parts at least of the 1930 class had been inducted in the spring of 1950. The fact that the 1929 class and the 1930 class were simultaneously inducted indicates that the original induction age of 21 years was changed to 20 years. It now seems that after the Soviet pattern, the induction age will be lowered to 19 years in the fall of 1952 by the induction of two classes, namely those of 1932 and 1933 at the same time.

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